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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Mark C. Bates et al.

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For : CATHETER FOR REMOVING EMBOLI FROM
SAPHENOUS VEIN GRAFTS
AND NATIVE CORONARY ARTERIES

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Examiner : Manuel Mendez

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

A one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office action dated November 20, 2002, received in the above-identified application, is respectfully requested. A check in an amount appropriate for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith.

a) Introductory Comments

Responsive to the above-identified Office action, applicants make the following amendments and remarks. This amendment is submitted in accordance with revised amendment format to be adopted under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, as promulgated in the Official Gazette at 1267 TMOG 106 (February 25, 2003).

There are no Amendments to the Specification being made at this time, and section (b) "Amendments to the Specification" is therefore omitted.

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